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SUBJ: AFFRICAN/ AMERICAN LABOR CENTER

FOR ADMAS FROM HOWARD

1. IRVING BROWN EXPECTED REQUEST PERSONAL MEETING WITH YOU, POSSIBLY PRIOR MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON, TO DISCUSS HIS DEPARTURE FROM AALC FOR AFL- CIO ASSIGNMENT AS EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE HEADQUARTERED PARIS. WHILE HE HAS INFORMED AALC STAFF OF CHANGE EFFECTIVE JULY AND APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK O' FARRELL AS DIRECTOR, PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IS TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER ILO MEETING IN JUNE.

2. BROWN WISHES INFORM YOU PERSONALLY OF HIGH PRIORITY PLACED ON EUROPEAN ASSIGNMENT. UNIONS THERE SEEN AS CURRENTLY TURNING EXCESSIVELY INWARD, CATERING TO EMPLOYERS' INTERESTS IN OPENING MARKETS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AND FAILING PROVIDE APPROPRIATE HELP TO LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AFL- CIO CONCERNS INCLUDE MULTI- NATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SORRY PERFORMANCE ICFTU. BROWN RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTY TASK BUT HOPES PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN COMPETITION CERTAIN US INDUSTRIES CAN BE ACCOMMODAATED ADEQUATELY WITHIN SCOPE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCREASING FOREIGN TRADE.

3. YOU CAN EXPECT HIM BE RESPONSIVE YOUR REQUEST PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AALC IN ARRANGING MULTI- DONOR COLLABORATION WITH EURIPEAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED
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WITH FRANCH. AM ASSURED THIS COMPATIBLE HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.
WOULD ALSO SERVE AS " CONSULTANT" AND WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO
CONTINUE WORK IN AFRICA TO DEGREE IMPOSSIBLE WITH NEW DUTIES.

4. PER YOUR INSTRUCTION, HAVE ASSURANCE SALARY/ COSTS
DIRECTOR AALC WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FROM CURRENT GRANT BUDGET
WITHOUT DIVERTING PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION. SUGGEST
YOU NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE WITH BROWN, LEAVING MATTE FOR FORMAL
CONTRACT RESOLUTION WIT SUCCESSOR.

5. SUCCESSFUL STAFF MEETING HERE FOCUSED ON AFRICAN LABOR UNION
DEVELOPMENT WITH ASSITANCE IN NATION BUILDING THROUGH SUCH
ACTIVITIES COOPERATIVES, HEALTH/ FAMILY PLANNING, NON- FORMAL
EDUCATION AND PREPARATION LEADERSHIP FOR PARTICIPATION NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT COUNCILS AS WELL AS TRAINING FOR UNION MANAGEMENT
AND RESPONSIBLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. AALC TO ESCHEW
IDEOLOGICAL CONTEST WITHIN ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION
UNITY RECENTLY ESTABLISHED WITH AOU INITIATIVE. REGIONAL
COOPERATION TO BE ENCOURAGED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRADE
SECRETARIATS
.
WILL REPORT FURTHER UPON RETURN.

6. BROWN WILL TELL YOU OF SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH
REPRESENTATIVES
TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SEVERAL BLACK SA UNIONS
HERE. TUCSA EXPECTED INVITE VISIT AFL- CIO DELEGATION WHICH WOULD
DISCUSS ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING BLACK SOUTH AFRICA UNION LEADERSHIP.
FYI HAVE REMINDED HIM AID UNABLE FINANCE SA COSTS
AND HE PLANS REQUEST APECIAL AFL- CIO GRANT FROM MEANY.
END FYI.

7. YOU WILL WISH CONGRATULATE BROWN ON APPOINTMENT TO
ORDER OF THE LEOPARD, ZAIRE' S HIGHEST HONOR. BY MOBUTU
AT SPECIAL PRESENTATION ENROUTE THIS MEETING. NELSON

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